

“Think in this battered Caravanserai  
Whose portals are alternate night and day.  
How sultan after sultan with his pomp  
Abode his destined hour and went his way.”

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**Bishop O'Reilly on the doctrine of the Catholic Church  
about Liquor.**

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1. Whosoever drinks deliberately to such an extent as to lose his reason commits a mortal sin.
2. Whosoever knows by past experience that when drunk he is accustomed to blaspheme, or utter other improper language, or to injure others about him, besides the sin of drunkenness is guilty of those other crimes committed during the state of intoxication.
3. Whosoever does not adopt the proper means for the correction of this vicious habit of drunkenness remains in a continual state of sin.
4. Whosoever entices and urges another to excess in drinking, whom he foresees will be intoxicated, commits a mortal sin.
5. Any seller of liquor who continues to supply to any individual that he knows will become intoxicated therewith, commits a mortal sin, because he deliberately co-operates in the grievous sin of another.
6. Whosoever is guilty of excess in drinking, though not to intoxication, in such a way as to cause distress to his family by squandering that which is needed for their support, commits a mortal sin against charity and justice. Likewise, whosoever thus renders himself unable to pay his lawful debts, although he may not drink to intoxication, commits a mortal sin.

